



# HELIOGRAM

The Military Officers Association of America

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## SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT!

**SEE OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES ON APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**WE WILL MEET BY ZOOM. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE PROGRAM SUSAN ATCHISON DAY HAS PLANNED.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS NIGHT POSSIBLE.**

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR ZOOM INSRUCTIONS**

### CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP

202 Total Chapter Members

173 Regular Members

29 Surviving Spouse Members

Let us all work to grow the Chapter in **2021!**



**PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

**TOM DAY**  
**CHAPLAIN (COL) USA**  
**(RETIRED)**

Merle Kilpatrick did an excellent job in his presentation of the early history of Fairbank and the Silver Stamp Mills along the San Pedro River at our Zoom membership meeting this

month. He made me want to go and take the tour! Susan Atchison-Day has prepared a great program for our April Scholarship presentation. You do not want to miss it. Thank you, Susan and the Scholarship Committee, for finding 6 talented and deserving Seniors who will receive Scholarships. The program will be at 7PM on April 15<sup>th</sup> by ZOOM. The ZOOM instructions are in her article on page six.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Violet Powers last year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

We still need a **Public Relations Director, Membership Director, and Personal Affairs Director**. I encourage you to consider volunteering to take one of

these positions. We have directors who are willing to assist anyone who fills any of these positions in learning the ropes for that position. See the job descriptions in this Heliogram. Remember, **spouses and surviving spouses** are encouraged to fill any of these positions.

**We received dues payment from 61 more members! Thank you. If you have not yet paid your dues there is still time.** Let us know, if because of COVID, you are having problems; we would like to keep each of you as a member.

**Put our April Zoom Member Scholarship Meeting on your calendar**, you will be proud of each of the graduates in the excellent program Susan Atchison-Day is putting together. We hope to see you on Zoom on 15 April at 7:00 PM. If you are not able to Zoom, there is a way to teleconference by calling us on the phone. **See the Zoom instructions on Susan Atchison-Day's Scholarship page.** Call me at 915-588-9281 if you need assistance signing in. Be safe and stay well!

Tom

NEVER STOP SERVING

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**MOAA News: President's Budget Delayed: What to Expect and When**

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/advocacy/fy-2022-presidents-budget-delayed-what-to-expect-and-when/>

“The president is required by law to submit the administration’s annual federal budget request to Congress no later than the first Monday of February every year. While the delay with President Joe Biden’s budget request is significant, it is not unprecedented for new administrations to deliver their requests late.”





**1st VICE PRESIDENT**

**JAMES CLENNEY,  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)**

**Our State MOAA Surviving Spouse Liaison, Sharon Douglas** shared a breadth of information via the chapter’s February 11<sup>th</sup> On-line Membership Meeting. We really appreciate her contribution! If you would like to

contact her, Sharon can be reached at [Shron.douglas.NACMOAA@gmail.com](mailto:Shron.douglas.NACMOAA@gmail.com).

Through her, you can receive the full presentation, which examines several goals and achievements of our organization regarding Surviving Spouses.

Sharon began with a slide regarding Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) phase-in activities, which will result (in January 2023) with the elimination of the Survivor Benefit Plan-Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Offset. I agree with her that it is incumbent on affected individuals to ensure that officially recorded information is accurate and complete. We can and should do this through our MyPay Account on the DFAS Website: <https://www.dfas.mil/>. Sharon’s presentation gives a great step-by-step on how to enroll. You can also contact any of us on the Board and we will work with you to find someone who can help you to enroll.

Sharon also shared that agencies are constantly being updated with methods that support providing services in a more multi-disciplinary approach. Through the efforts of good management, good leadership, and experience-based petitioning, veterans and families have acquired benefits such as the Tricare Dental Plan (free for a Surviving Spouse through the first three years after the death of a sponsor). Also, she informed us that Tricare beneficiaries (in 10 states including Arizona) may have their cost shares for up to three Low Back Pain and Physical Therapy sessions waived. That is great news for those of us that jumped out of perfectly good aircraft to land on rocky ground!

Sharon explained (and introduced Kandy and me to) other benefits available to us to meet future needs. The “Homebound” benefit available through the V.A. was a revelation to me. The Aid and Attendance Provision authorizes a higher monthly pension for qualifying veterans or Surviving Spouses who are medically homebound, or bed ridden. Also, there are V.A. Hospice benefits offered to qualified Veterans who are in the final phase of their lives.

I was very thankful for the length and depth of Sharon’s presentation! I found myself thinking how won-

derful it is to belong to a group that continues to lead in bettering my life, as a veteran, my wife’s life, and the lives of our sons and daughters who are currently serving. Influencing our rule-makers, is a goal that all of us are really striving for through our membership in our Association. Through our collaboration, we act to harmonize government regulations with the “normal” phases of life that are experienced by Veterans and our Spouses.

Again, if you would like additional information, contact your Me, Board Members, or Sharon. I look forward to seeing you all again in person! Never Stop Serving!

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**PERSONAL AFFAIRS**

**FEMA provides COVID-19 Funeral Assistance**

Through the past year we have all been touched by the passing of compatriots, friends, and loved ones. The burdens that come with someone’s death include many stressors, including funeral arrangements and expenses. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

FEMA will begin to implement COVID-19 funeral assistance in April. Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to potential applicants and community partners as soon as possible. In the meantime, people who have COVID-19 funeral expenses are encouraged to keep and gather documentation described below.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020. There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

I strongly recommend that you share this information with our friends who have faced these challenges in 2020 and 2021. <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>



**TRANSITION  
LIAISON  
COORDINATOR**

**CW3 HARRY E.  
BOWEN, USA (Ret.)**

**Transition Liaison (formerly TOPS) – March 2020**

- Three Job links (2 for Delaware and 1 for Texas) were posted during this report period.
- One Transition Liaison Interested Party posted (Darren Ventures) as an interested Transition Liaison party during this report period.

**Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):**

- No Report this month.

**Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV)**

- The CSV Board met last night to discuss changes to the by-laws, fund raising, and audits. The

board is still conducting meetings virtually. Anyone interested in attending as a representative or interested party for MOAA chapter is encouraged to attend.

- The Veterans Resource Fair Committee started their planning for the upcoming StandDown and Resource Fair tentatively scheduled for 20 August 2021.
- No Veterans needed financial assistance this report period. Not sure why no assistance was required.
- Planning continues for a fund raiser with the Combat Veterans Association and the American Legion 52 for 29 May 2021. The event is tentatively scheduled for 1500-2000 hours at the American Legion 52 facility and park (across the street from the main building). If everything goes according to plan, this event should aid the CSV until we can start participating in upcoming Grants for service.

Harry

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**HISTORIAN**

**Susan Atchison-Day,  
Ed D.**

**Biography Susan  
Atchison-Day**

Susan Atchison-Day describes herself as “a wanderer and wonderer, inclined to chase windmills, and convinced that all good things are wild and free.” In short, she was well suited to her 32 years as an Army Spouse.

Born in St. Paul, MN, she worked as camp counselor and horse wrangler, and volunteer English teacher while in high school. She earned a BA in Bible and History at the small college where she met and married Tom. While Tom attended seminary in Michigan, she worked on “state-of-the art” computer equipment: an 80-column card punch machine.

In 1972 the family moved to Monterey, CA, where she attended the Defense Language School, completing the equivalent of two years of Arabic. From here, she followed Tom’s career. While living on the Island of Crete, Susan gave birth to son James at the US Army Hospital in Wiesbaden. Upon returning to Michigan, Susan earned a BA in History and Speech, then an MA in Communications from Western Michigan University. Her daughter Jodi was born between two final exams. She began teaching at Western Michigan University, while assisting Tom in founding a community church.

When Susan was ABD, Tom joined the Army as Chaplain. They moved to Texas, but she still complet-

ed her Ed.D. in Human Resources -Training and Development, from Western Michigan University. She worked as the HR Manager for the City of Copperas Cove, Texas, and also taught at nearby colleges. When Tom went to Korea, she and their two children James and Jodi moved back to Michigan, where she worked temporarily at the Kellogg Foundation.

During subsequent assignments in New Jersey, Colorado, Kansas (2), Korea (2), Texas, and, finally Arizona, Susan worked four years as a Career Manager, and as an adjunct instructor/professor on both a graduate and undergraduate level at various colleges and universities, teaching human resources, communication, and English as a Second Language. She researched, wrote and self-published a book, “When Freedom Called: at the front and home front in the Gulf War.” (2011)

Susan loves travel, meeting people, and learning. She has explored thousands of miles in the American Rockies and southwest, traveling alone on foot, or with a bicycle or horse in tow. In addition, she “car camped” throughout Germany, Belgium, and England, and traveled with Tom, to most other European countries. Her favorite travels were in Mongolia for the 800th Anniversary of Genghis Khan’s Great Mongolian Empire, and to the Sultanate of Oman, where she attended horse-racing events as a guest of the Commander the Sultan’s Royal Cavalry, studied Arabic, and conducted thesis research for her MA in Middle Eastern and North African Studies from the University of Arizona in 2020.

Now, Susan and Tom are living in Sonoita, Arizona, and she is privileged to serve as MOAA Historian and Scholarship Director.

Susan

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**From National MOAA: Be Vigilant: Phone, Online Scams May Rise With COVID-19 Relief Legislation**

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/be-vigilant-phone,-online-scams-may-rise-with-covid-19-relief-legislation/>

“Even before the latest round of COVID-19 relief legislation cleared Congress, multiple agencies and news outlets warned of continued pandemic-related scams designed to nab personal information or cash from their targets.

**Virtual ‘Wall of Faces,’ Honoring Vietnam War Sacrifice, Nears Completion**

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/virtual-wall-of-faces,-honoring-vietnam-war-sacrifice,-nears-completion/>

A project seeking faces to go with the more than 55,000 names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is within 76 fallen servicemembers of completion.



**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Susan Atchison-Day,  
Ed D.**

2021 Scholarship Winners have been selected. The Colonel Eric R. Osborne Memorial Scholarships program is made possible only through your interest

and generosity. We are all excited to learn who this year's winners will be. As always, each applicant represents the cream of the crop, the current and future leaders.

On Friday, March 21, 2021, three members of the Scholarship Committee met to interview prospective recipients. In spite of the confusion and communication problem inherent in COVID closures, six applications were submitted, each of which met the requirements. Winners received letters informing them that they qualified for a scholarship, but they do not yet know the amount of their personal award.

The MOAA Membership meeting on April 15, 2021, will focus on our talented young people. You will have an opportunity to meet each other at a Zoom membership meeting. While it is not as warm and satisfying as sitting over dinner together, each student has prepared a 30-60 second video introducing themselves to you.

Please join us for the 2021 Award of Scholarships. In addition to our own Colonel Eric R. Osborne Memorial Scholarships, one deserving student will, in addition, receive the 2021 Grombacher Scholarship of \$1000. The Invitation is below:

**Susan Atchison-Day is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Topic: 2021 MOAA Scholarship Presentation Meeting  
Time: Apr 15, 2021 07:00 PM Arizona

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88116602882?pwd=cWk2OFZXYIBRaStlM1BCcFhHNUJndz09>

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**Passcode: 502176**

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kmMIC88aR>

Susan

**YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Information:** Make checks payable to Coronado Chapter, MOAA and mail to: Scholarship Fund, Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, Arizona, 85636-1685

Amount for Operating Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Amount for Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Check total \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2021**

**SUSTAINING LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of More Than \$ 300)**

Atchison-Day, Susan Day, Thomas Hicks, William Kellock, Bob Kilpatrick, Merle  
 Lotero, Ronald Symmes, Kenneth

**2021 GOLD LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$ 200.00 to \$ 299.00)**

Black, John Bobar, Janet Breen, Nancy Puett, Joseph

**2021 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$ 100.00 to \$ 199.00)**

Bell, Gary Carlson, Samantha Dolge, Kathleen Ehreberger, Dennis Finnegan, Thomas  
 Flynn, Joseph Manning, Donald Nickels, Cheryl Scheumann, Steven Wysong, Lori

**2021 CHAPTER DONORS (Cumulative Donations Up to \$ 100.00)**

Ament, Richard Baez, Fatima Blair, John Breeding, William Britton, Ruth Brofer, Duane  
 Brown, Harry Cannon, John Castle, George Courtney, Nyles Dey, Robert Hays, Charles  
 Holbrook, Patricia Letts, C. Struck, Susan White, Robert Van Otten, George Wozniak, Edward

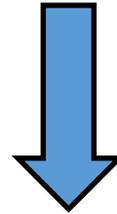
**TOTAL TO DATE: \$4,110.00**

**GOAL: \$10,000.00**

**BE SURE TO JOIN US ON APRIL 15th AT 7pm WHEN WE RECOGNIZE OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES. SEE SUSAN ATCHISON-DAY'S COMMENTS FOR ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS.**



**Let Bob Covalucci, (520) 370-2998, know if you have questions about these positions or would like to nominate yourself or someone else!**



**Personal Affairs Director Needed**

The Personal Affairs Director serves as the primary point of contact for issues associated with military rights and entitlements, with special emphasis on survivor benefits information. IVP Jim Clenney has experience in this position and would be glad to assist the new person in learning their duties.

**Membership Director Needed**

Assist the Membership Chair in efforts to retain existing members and recruit new ones; Aid in the committee's efforts to establish goals, plan and carry out membership-solicitation drives, and follow up on leads concerning potential members; Recruit committee members who will work together smoothly and productively.



**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

**CDR Merle L. Kilpatrick, USNR (Retired)**

**BUDGET-CUTTING PLANS COULD BE COSTLY TO YOU**

Every two years, just before a new Congress is sworn in, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) releases a report offering ways the incoming legislators could tackle the nation’s growing budget deficit.

While this year’s version calculates potential savings over 5- and 10-year windows from 2021 to 2030, it does little to nothing to calculate what these options would mean for the bottom line of those in the cross-hairs. When it comes to service members, retirees, and veterans, MOAA attempts to fill in those gaps.

While many government agencies are not fans of these options - several may seem too extreme - the harsh reality of our national debt, combined with a \$3.3 trillion deficit, may redefine tolerance for the measures offered by the CBO. And it is worth noting the CBO provides these options with no recommendations as to their use.

The list includes options to reduce mandatory and discretionary spending, along with plans to increase federal revenue. Of the 83 options, MOAA identified 13 you should know. If enacted, these items could cost retirees, veterans, or those now in uniform quite a bit, all in the name of finding solutions to reduce our national deficit. Here’s the focused list by category:

**Mandatory spending**

- Introduce enrollment fees under TRICARE for Life.
- Increase premiums for Parts B and D of Medicare (Part B key to MOAA’s interests).
- Raise the full retirement age for Social Security.
- End the VA’s individual unemployment payments to disabled veterans at the full retirement age for Social Security.
- Reduce the VA’s disability benefits to veterans who are older than the full retirement age for Social Security.
- Narrow eligibility for the VA’s disability compensation by excluding veterans with low disability ratings (30% and lower).
- Use an alternative measure of inflation to index Social Security and other mandatory programs (what’s known as “chained CPI” – a move that would change the COLA calculation for retired pay).

**Discretionary spending**

- Reduce DoD’s budget.
- Cap increases in basic pay for military service members (Employment Cost Index, or ECI, minus 0.5%).
- Reduce the Basic Allowance for Housing to 80% of average housing costs.
- Reduce the annual across-the-board adjustment for federal civilian employees’ pay.

**Revenues**

- Include disability payments from the VA in taxable income.
- Increase the payroll tax rate for Social Security.

MOAA will not stand idly by while the new Congress gets read in on these options. It will be up to us to engage them here on the Hill, and for our members - either individually or through our councils and chapters - to engage them back home.

Future analyses will be accompanied with calls to action as the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress gets its work underway.

Merle

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**Additional Information on SB1331**

SB1331, a State bill that proposes to exempt 100% of retired military pay from Arizona State income tax, was passed by the State Senate on 17 February 2021 and is currently in the Arizona House of Representatives. First reading in the House was on 1 March and it was assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Rules Committee. Second read of the bill occurred on 2 March and, as of 16 March, no action has been taken by either committee. This bill not only affects officer and enlisted retirees who pay Arizona income tax, but also the surviving spouses who now receive military SBP benefits.

The next step would be for both Committees to approve the bill and send the bill to the floor of the Arizona State House for a general vote. This could happen any time between now and adjournment of the Arizona State Legislature on 23 April 2021.

**For this bill to pass in the House, we need to show our support for the passage of this bill soon.** To contact members of the Arizona House of Representatives, go to the website [www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster/house](http://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster/house) and click on “Member Roster” which gives the email addresses of all members of the Arizona House of Representatives. We need to urge their support of SB1331 by sending an email to as many state representatives as possible, requesting their affirmative vote!



2LT Jonathan R. Green receives the MOAA Distinguished Honor Graduate Award from Colonel (Retired) Robert Covalucci upon completion of MIBOLC class 21-002 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

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Tom Hessler

2-VP

## Upcoming Programs

***SPECIAL NOTE*** - The following meetings will be virtual via Zoom.  
**SEE PAGE 6 FOR ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS**

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**15 APR '21** **2021 MOAA Scholars Announced 7 PM**

*Presented by Susan Day, our Scholarship Director and Historian.*

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**20 MAY '21** **MOAA: Obligations and Benefits 6:30 PM**

*Presented by Jim Clenney. Our 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.*

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### VA Advisory Committee Seeks Feedback From Gulf War Veterans

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/va-advisory-committee-seeks-feedback-from-gulf-war-veterans/>

### Surviving Spouse Corner: How Surviving Spouses Benefit From MOAA Membership

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/surviving-spouse-corner-how-surviving-spouses-benefit-from-moaa-membership/>

## News you can use

Coronado Chapter Website: <http://moaacoronado.org/>

Coronado Chapter Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MOAACoronadoChapter/>

MOAA: TAKE ACTION <http://takeaction.moaa.org/home?1>

Spouse Issues: MOAA [http://takeaction.moaa.org/spouse\\_issues](http://takeaction.moaa.org/spouse_issues)

Arizona Department of Veteran Services Update  
<https://dvs.az.gov/legislative-updates>

### MOAA COVID-19 GRANTS UP TO \$500:

Qualifying individuals who have suffered from economic impact may apply for a grant of up to \$500 to assist with household expenses. This is for active duty, veterans, and caregivers who may be eligible and in need. Let Tom Day, Jim Clenney or Harry Bowen know if you are aware of a need and they will facilitate the processing of applications by collecting the applications, verifying service-connection (if possible) and forwarding completed packages to MOAA. MOAA will verify qualification and make the grant decision.

#### Eligibility

Grants are available to currently serving members, spouses of active duty members, veterans with honorable discharges, or caregivers of the same. You'll be asked to prove negative financial impact from the COVID-19 crisis as part of the application process.

National MOAA or MOAA chapter membership is not a requirement, and members won't receive preference.

All ranks are eligible. Preference will be given to those ineligible for other relief programs, such as service relief societies.

#### Eligible Debts

The grant can be used to pay a range of bills to include rent/mortgage, car loan/lease, utilities, telecommunications (cellphone/Internet), and additional categories considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Where to Find Emergency Cash for Coronavirus

**Hardships:** [https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/where-to-find-emergency-cash-for-coronavirus-hardships/?fbclid=IwAR2cmCgI8DsT1Swxa8A9p9ScSO\\_bo0t8n4S61UwW6vMGLd07kWwYgLU3FU](https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/where-to-find-emergency-cash-for-coronavirus-hardships/?fbclid=IwAR2cmCgI8DsT1Swxa8A9p9ScSO_bo0t8n4S61UwW6vMGLd07kWwYgLU3FU)

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

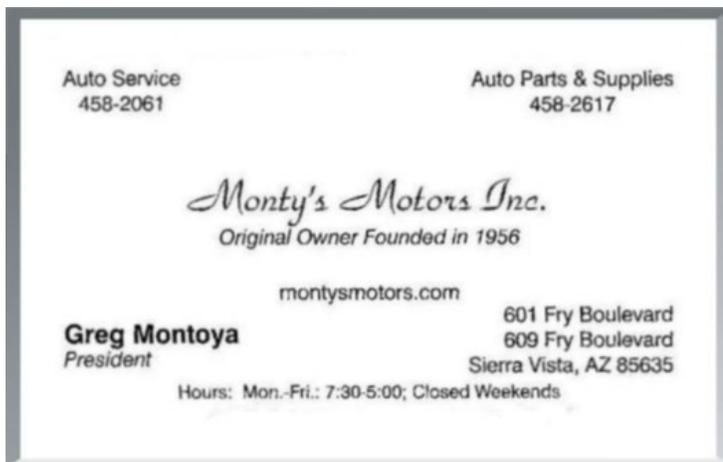
The Coronado Chapter has “Support the United Arizona Veterans in helping to find ways to reduce veteran suicides in Arizona” as one of our five Chapter Goals. Below are ways we can help:

**Publicize “Be Connected,”** a program “Connecting Arizona service members, veterans, families & helpers to information, support and resources.” Their website is <https://beconnectedaz.org/> or call 1-866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387). We are now “Be Connected” Partners.

**Support “22 a Month to End 22 a Day.”** At the Warrior Healing Center, they are fighting this problem innovatively to restore hope. You can get more information at <https://chuffed.org/project/22-a-month-to-end-22-a-day>.

**Emory Healthcare Veterans Program,** free to qualified **post-9/11** military servicemembers and Veterans. This program is designed to treat conditions such as **post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST), anxiety,** and **depression** related to past military service. More information can be found at <https://www.emoryhealthcare.org/centers-programs/veterans-program/index.html>.

**Suicide Rate Among Veterans Up Again Slightly, Despite Focus on Prevention Efforts**  
<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/suicide-rate-among-veterans-up-again-slightly,-despite-focus-on-prevention-efforts/>



**Let Bob Covalucci, (520) 370-2998, know if you have questions about these positions or would like to nominate yourself or some-**

### Public Relations Director Needed

Our current Public Relations Director now lives in Tucson and will need to be replaced in the upcoming election. The Director for Public Affairs function manages the flow of information and news from the membership to all external audiences, such as the local media and the public.



### 2021 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth MM \_\_\_\_ DD \_\_\_\_ YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

National MOAA Number \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member Y/N

Please Circle all that apply:

Status: Active - Former - Retired - Auxiliary/Widow – Surviving Spouse

Service: NOAA – Army – Air Force – Coast Guard – Marine Corps – Navy – USPHS– Space Cmd

Branch: Active – Guard – Reserve

Spouse Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth MM \_\_\_\_ DD \_\_\_\_ YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of membership is: **Regular members** can now renew at; a) \$15 per year; b) \$50 for five years; or c) \$150 for Life membership. **Surviving Spouse members** can now renew at; a) \$10 per year; b) \$40 for five years; or c) \$100 for Life membership. **The remainder of your first calendar year is free to NEW members.**

Make your check payable to: Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1685

**For further Membership questions contact:**  
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